



WATCHET CONSERVATION MATTERS

For conserving and promoting our built and natural environment

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Welcome to the first of the 2010 news letters. We are investigating a number of exciting projects at the moment which we will announce soon so watch this space.

Forthcoming Events and Dates for your Diary

Talks - all at the Methodist School room at 19:30

Tuesday 23rd March - Neil Wilson

“ Radio Ga Ga ” plus selected readings from the Ancient Mariner ”

Neil will give a short talk about the history of Washford Radio Station, from its establishment in 1933 in the art deco Grade II listed building to its use housing the first BBC transmitters in Somerset for the South West, and its current incarnation as a radio museum within the Tropiquaria site at Washford Cross. Neil will focus on some of the ‘fun’ stories through its history, and will follow the talk about radio with an edited rendition of some of the key verses of Coleridge’s ‘The Ancient Mariner’



Also who was the Ancient Mariner?

Tuesday 25th May - Dr. John Crothers

“ Watchet coastal flora and fauna - the impact of a Severn Barrage ”

Tuesday 27th July - Nigel Hester - Countryside Manager, National Trust Holnicote

“ The Holnicote Estate - Conservation in a changing climate ”

Tuesday 28th September - William Wake - Property Manager, Dunster Castle

“Sometimes you have to stamp your foot” challenges in balancing conservation of an old historic building, whilst meeting the needs of the 21 century.

Committee meeting dates - please contact any of the Committee if you have any ideas or comments so we can add them to the Agenda.

Tuesday 13th April

Tuesday 11th May

Tuesday 8th June

WATCHET EASTER SEA FESTIVAL

Saturday 3rd Sunday 4th April

This is an event being organised by WACET (Watchet Chamber of Trade) to promote business over the Easter weekend.

Watchet Conservation Society will have a display promoting our work and aims in the West Somerset Hotel Court Yard.

This is a perfect opportunity to have a chat, and if still outstanding renew your subscription and save the postage.

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL

9.30am – 1pm Sea Scouts in the Harbour.
9.30 – 12.30 Book displays & colouring– The Library.
10-4pm – Face Painting & Jewellery Making- Kid's Alley.
12–2pm- Exhibition of Model Ships & Books, Watchet Boat Owners Association information, Plus 'Grand Opening' of the Mineral Line Incline Model,
All at the Esplanade Cub.
Beach Party at The Anchor Inn – Anchor Street.
2- 4pm Live Folk Music at the Esplanade Club.
8pm Elvis – at The Royal British Legion – Mill Lane.
9pm Little Betty Rock Covers Band – Esplanade Club.
9pm Rock Band at The Anchor Inn.

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL

am Lifeboats visiting from Minehead.
10.30 – 12.30 Open Boats in the Marina.
10-4pm Town Treasure Hunt - Entry Forms from the Chandlery.
10- 4pm Jewellery Making at the Kids Alley – West Somerset Hotel.
3pm Punch & Judy at the West Somerset Hotel.
2-4pm 'Gentle Jazz' – live music at the Esplanade Club on the Esplanade.

Membership Cards

Your membership cards have now been produced and will be available for collection on the evening of the 23rd March or if you cannot make it come along on Saturday 3rd April.

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